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AMENDED APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

In response to the *Notifications of Non-Compliance* Appeal Brief dated June 28, 2007 and July 6, 2007, which appear to point to the same deficiency, Appellants submit this *Amended Appeal Brief*, which includes an amended "Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter" section.

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Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter:

Independent claim 1 of the instant application recites a method for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), which comprises treating the printing form with a fluid clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).

Independent claim 2 of the instant application recites a method for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), which comprises cleaning the printing form of ink (page 19, lines 9-10 of the specification), and treating the printing form with a fluid clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).

Independent claim 3 of the instant application recites a method for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), which comprises treating the printing form with a liquid clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, page 19, line 25, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).

Independent claim 4 of the instant application recites a method for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), which comprises treating the printing form with a gaseous clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing

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all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, page 20, line 11, and page 22, line 6, of the specification).

Independent claim 16 of the instant application recites a device for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), which comprises a device for applying a fluid clearing medium to the printing form in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).

Independent claim 17 of the instant application recites a device for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification) washed free of ink (page 19, lines 9-10 of the specification), which comprises a device for applying a fluid clearing medium to the printing form in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).

Independent claim 26 of the instant application recites a printing machine having a device for clearing a re-imageable printing form (see page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification), comprising a device for applying fluid clearing medium to the printing form in a non-abrasive manner, irreversibly clearing all image information on a surface of the printing form (see, for example, page 13, line 16, and page 20, line 11, of the specification).